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BEGIN SUMMARY: POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL HAS BRIEFED

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THE AMBASSADOR ON THE MARCH 4 POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS IN

BRUSSELS OF THE EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS AND POLITICAL DIRECTORS. BESIDES THE U.S./EC DECLARATION AND THE EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE (SEPTELS - NOTAL), VAN WELL SAID THE MINISTERS APPROVED THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE PAPERS ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT, AND INSTRUCTED THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE (PC) TO PREPARE PAPERS CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN UNION REPORT, EC/CANADIAN RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PC AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. MINISTERS ALSO AGREED TO INITIAL EXPLORATORY MEETING OF FONOFF CULTURAL DIRECTORS. VAN WELL SAID RELATIONS WITH JAPAN WERE NOT DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY

1. CSCE. VAN WELL (AND IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION FONOFF CSCE EXPERT) INFORMED US THAT THE MINISTERS APPROVED THE PC PAPER ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP (GENEVA 694), WITH THE MODIFICATIONS REPORTED IN BONN 2068. THE MINISTERS ALSO REQUESTED THE PC TO PREPARE A POLICY LINE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE FINAL POST-EASTER DRAFTING STAGES OF THE CSCE COMMITTEE PHASE. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL REVIEW THE PRODUCT OF THE CSCE WORKING GROUP ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE NEXT PC MEETING APRIL 17-18 IN BONN.

2. CRISIS MANAGEMENT. VAN WELL SAID THE MINISTERS APPROVED THE PC PAPER ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT REPORTED IN BONN 2318. THAT PAPER DEALT WITH INITIAL PROCEDURAL STEPS IN TIMES OF CRISIS, A FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL CRISIS SITUATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPROVED TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN TIMES OF CRISIS. ACCORDING TO FONOFF EC POL INTEGRATION CHIEF, THE MINISTERS INDICATED THAT THIS INITIAL CRISIS MANAGEMENT PAPER WAS INSUFFICIENTLY "COMPREHENSIVE OR STRINGENT." THE PC WAS REQUESTED TO INTENSIFY THEIR WORK ON THIS SUBJECT AND BRING FORTH FURTHER PROPOSALS. VAN WELL SAID THE FRG INTENDED TO PUSH FOR CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EC-9 AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON, INTER ALIA, TO ASSURE THAT ONE OF THE 9 AMBASSADORS WAS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE USG IN CRISIS PERIODS.

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3. EUROPEAN UNION REPORT. VAN WELL NOTED THAT PARA 16 OF THE EC PARIS SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE (PARIS 20154 - OCT 21, 1972) REQUESTED THE "INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY" TO PREPARE BEFORE THE END OF 1975 A REPORT ON "TRANSFORMING ...THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF THE RELATIONS OF MEMBER STATES INTO A EUROPEAN UNION." AS THE PC IS NOT A "INSTITUTION OF THE COMMUNITY" THE MINISTERS ASKED THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A REPORT

ON THE POLITICAL COOPERATION ASPECTS OF A EUROPEAN UNION. FONOFF EC INTEGRATION CHIEF TELLS US THAT THE PC, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS, WOULD SEEK TO PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE MAY 13-14 QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BONN. THE TOPIC PRESUMABLY WOULD BE DEALT WITH THEREAFTER AT THE NEXT EC SUMMIT MEETING.

4. EC SUMMIT. VAN WELL SAID THE GERMANS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONVENING THE NEXT EC-9 SUMMIT MEETING IN BONN AT THE END OF MAY. SEVERAL MINISTERS, HOWEVER,

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TOOK A RESERVED POSITION, RECALLING THE RATHER CHAOTIC STATE OF THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT AND STRESSING THE NEED FOR THOROUGH ADVANCE PREPARATION. IN THE END, SCHEEL REQUESTED HIS COLLEAGUES TO SET ASIDE MAY 27-28 AS THE TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE SUMMIT; THESE DATES SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. OUR SOURCE SAID THE GERMANS, AS CURRENT EC PRESIDENT, WOULD PURSUANT TO THE COPENHAGEN CONFIDENTIAL

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SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE ADVANCE SUGGESTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE CONCERNING HOW TO ORGANIZE SUCH A SUMMIT. THE PREPARATIONS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE ENTRUSTED TO THE PC AND THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS.

5. EC/CANADA. VAN WELL SAID THE CANADIANS HAVE NOW ADVISED HIM THAT THEY INTEND SHORTLY TO PRESENT THE NINE WITH A TEXT WHICH OTTAWA CURRENTLY HAS UNDER PREPARATION. IT REMAINS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE CANADIANS HAVE A DECLARATION OR SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND; HOWEVER, THE CANADIAN FOCUS STILL SEEMS TO BE ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE. THE MINISTERS THEREFORE ASKED THE PC TO PREPARE A POSITION PAPER AND THE FRENCH AGREED TO DEVELOP AN INITIAL DRAFT.

6. EC/JAPAN. VAN WELL SAID THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC.

7. CULTURAL DIRECTORS. THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT AN INITIAL EXPLORATORY MEETING OF EC NINE FOREIGN OFFICE CULTURAL DIRECTORS COULD BE HELD, PERHAPS IN MAY, AT BONN. THE MEETING WOULD BE INTERGOVERNMENTAL IN CHARACTER, BUT WOULD BE PARALLEL RATHER THAN SUBORDINATE TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS INITIAL MEETING WILL LEAD TO OTHERS, BUT THE GERMAN CULTURAL DIRECTOR (ARNOLD) SEEMS TO BE PUSHING THE IDEA. FONOFF SOURCE TELLS US THAT THERE IS NO EXPLICIT PROVISION FOR SUCH CULTURAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE DAVIGNON REPORTS, BUT THAT THE FIRST DAVIGNON REPORT DOES SPEAK OF CONSULTATIONS ON "OTHER AREAS" OF FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION.

8. PC/EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COOPERATION. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS NOTED THE SUGGESTION OF BRITISH MP, BEMISH, THAT PC COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BE IMPROVED, INCLUDING VIA THE MECHANISM OF WRITTEN AND ORAL

QUESTIONS TO THE PC PRESIDENCY. SEVERAL MINISTERS, INCLUDING JOBERT, INDICATED RELUCTANCE TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION, ALTHOUGH JOBERT SAID THIS COULD BE A LEGITIMATE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT EC SUMMIT. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A REPORT ON THE PC/PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONSHIP, FOR MINISTERS TO TAKE
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INTO CONSIDERATION IN PREPARING FOR THE SUMMIT.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. OUR SOURCES SAY WORKING GROUPS ON AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED SHORTLY; THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP PROBABLY WOULD HAVE AN INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE RECENT MEETING IN MEXICO CITY. THE ARMS CONTROL WORKING GROUP IS TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING THIS WEEK.
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